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For: OPTICAL-PICKUP SLIDER,

MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF,

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METHOD THEREOF, AND PROBE ARRAY

AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

THEREOF

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 53 of this paper.